Administration has intimated that no specific complaint about bogus membership of this Society has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been reported by the Registrar, Cooperative Societies that as per records of the Society all its members are Indian citizens. However, the Registrar has initiated necessary action to varify the nationality of 3 members of the Society who are serving abroad.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Delhi Admn. clears the membership of only Indian nationals for allotment of plot in accordance with the provisions of the Act and rules and bye-laws framed thereunder. The transfer of membership is allowed only in blood relations of the members who fulfil the requisite qualifications for membership. The membership of such members for allotment of plot/flat who have acquired foreign nationality is not considered by the Administration.

(f) The details are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix, CXL, Annexure No. 94].

Licence for new sugar mills in Punjab

2480. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has urged the Central Government to set up more sugar mills in the cooperative sector and also issue new licences for setting up of new sugar mills in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when the above proposal for granting licence to new sugar mills is pending with the Central Government; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the details of these applications is attached (*See* below).

(c) and (d) These applications were considered by the Government and rejection letters were issued to the mills.

Statement

Details of applications received in the Directorate of sugar through the Department of Industrial Development during the Seventh Five Year Plan for establishement of new sugar factories in the State of Punjab

S. No.	Name of the proposed mill	Date of receipt of application from the Deptt. of I.D.	Date on which the proposal was considered in the Licensing Committee meeting of the Deptt. of I.D.	Date on which the prima-facie rejection letter issued to mill	Date on representation against the prima-facie rejection letter if any
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	The Amritsar Coop. Sugar Mill Ltd., Ajnala, Teh. Ajnala. Distt. Amritsar, Punjab.	25-4-86	27-5-86	12-6-86	No representation either from the S.G. or from the party been received.

*S.G.—State Government.

I.D.— Industrial Development.

1	2	3	4	5	6
2	The Mamdot Coop. Sugar Mill Ltd., Mamdot, Teh. & Distt. Ferozepur Punjab.	25-4-86	27-5-86	12-6-86	No representation either from the S.G* or from the party been received
3	The Faridkot Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd., Teh. & Distt. Faridkot, Punjab.	15-5-86	5-8-86	5-9-86	Do.
4	The Budhlada Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd., Teh. Mansa, Distt. Bhatinda, Punjab.	15-5-86	5-8-86	5-9-86	Do.
5	The Jagraon Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd., PO P& Teh. Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab.	15-5-86	5-8-86	5-9-86	Do.
6	The Mehal Kalan Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd., PO Mehal Kalan, Teh. Barnala, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab.	15-5-86	5-8-86	5-9-86	Do.

Sugar production

2481. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugar produced in the country during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) whether this was adequate to meet the domestic needs;

(c) whether some quantities of sugar was imported during the above period to meet the domestic needs; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase sugar production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Sugar production during 1984-85 season was 61.44 lakh tonnes and in 1985-86 it was 70.03 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c) As a result of fall in sugar production during 1983-84 and 1984-85 seasons, some quantities were imported to keep the availability position adequate and to check rise in prices.

(d) Government have taken following measures to increase sugar production:—

(i) For the 1985-86 season, the statutory minimum price of sugarcane was fixed at Rs. 16.50 per quintal, linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for higher recoveries. This marked an increase of Rs. 2.50 per quintal over the price fixed for the previous season. Further, for the 1986-87 season, a still higher price of Rs. 17 per quintal was announced in advance of the sowing season. Now, for the next season 1987-88 the price has been announced at a still higher level of Rs. 18.00 per quintal, linked to a recovery of 8.5 per cent.

(ii) Excise duty rebate for early crushing during the months of October and November 1986 has also been announced.

(iii) The ex-factory prices of levy sugar were also raised corresponding to the higher statutory minimum price of sugarcane.

(iv) The ratio of levy : levy-free sugar was changed from 65 : 35 to 55 : 45 for the 1985-86 season.

(v) Differential levy price of Rs. 26 per quintal has been allowed to weak units having capacity below 1250 TCD and having plants installed prior to 1-10-1955.

(vi) Despite the value of sugarcane purchased during 1985-86 season being